



# THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM

## 2003 QUICK FACTS

- GO SERV provides grant funding to California's non-profits and public organizations.
- GO SERV's grants programs include AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning.

Throughout the state there is a growing effort to support meaningful opportunities for Californians to serve their communities. A growing number of Californians of all ages are interested in serving and are willing to make an intensive commitment over the course of a year or more. Californians want to serve at an organization whose mission they support whether it is a non-profit, school, place of worship, public safety or land management agency. Californians want their commitment to make a difference in meeting the most pressing needs and priorities of their communities. At GO SERV, we believe that government's efforts are most effective when delivered by an active citizenry serving in locally-based organizations.

Through service, people representing the rich ethnic and cultural diversity of California learn about each other and how to work together toward a common goal. Service is also the training ground for our next generation of teachers, youth workers, and nonprofit managers. At GO SERV, our programs and activities ensure that the tradition of citizen engagement in California endures and delivers meaningful results on critical issues in communities.

### **GO SERV's Programs:**

This year, GO SERV is providing roughly \$20 million in funding to support service and volunteerism, recognizing people and programs who are making a difference, and connecting Californians with opportunities to serve in their communities. GO SERV provides this grant funding through its AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps, Community Emergency Response Team, and Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning Programs. Other vital programs GO SERV utilizes to promote service and volunteerism efforts across the state are:

### **GO SERV's Spotlight**

GO SERV recognizes a person, group of people, or organization that involves people in service and volunteer activities that are making a difference in California's communities. Individuals and organizations in the GO SERV *Spotlight* are featured on the homepage of the GO SERV Web site, given a certificate of recognition, and are the focus of the weekly GO SERV Spotlight press release.

### **Volunteer Here**

The GO SERV web site helps Californians connect with volunteer opportunities in their communities. Schools and nonprofit organizations in need of volunteers list the opportunities they have available on the GO SERV web site.

To find out more about the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, visit the GO SERV website at <http://www.goserv.ca.gov> or call GO SERV at 916/323-7646.

**SERVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. SERVE YOUR NATION. FIND OUT HOW AT [WWW.GOSERV.CA.GOV](http://WWW.GOSERV.CA.GOV)**

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